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2015 Pennsylvania Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Pennsylvania for 2015 is estimated at 57,900, down 900 farms from 2014, according to King Whetstone, Regional Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Office. Total land in farms, at 7.70 million acres, was down 20,000 acres from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 133 acres, up 2 acres from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year.

Pennsylvania Highlights

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 26,100 farms, down 600.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 19,400 farms, down 500.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 5,600 farms, up 100.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 3,600 farms, up 50.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 1,950 farms, up 50.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1,250 farms, unchanged.

Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 1,800 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,300 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 1,050 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 950 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 750 thousand acres, down 20 thousand.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 850 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 69 acres, up 2.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 119 acres, up 3.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 188 acres, down 3.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 264 acres, down 4.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 385 acres, down 20.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 680 acres, unchanged.

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-18-2016.pdf>

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